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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231		Application Number 10/082,265 Filing Date 02/26/02 First Named Inventor Kenneth J. KRAUSS Art Unit 3651 Examiner Name Richard RIDLEY Attorney Docket Number 87356.2180
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 08/25/03  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$1,190.00 enclosed (Filing Fee – RCE and 2nd Extension of Time)
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Group Art Unit: 3561

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 29, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire August 29, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

No extension-of-time fee or other fees are believed due. However any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2036.